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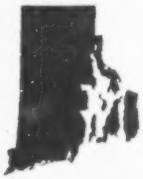

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NOVEMBER HIRINGS INCREASE R. I. JOBS TOTAL TO 398,200

Employment increased in Rhode Island for the third consecutive month. The most significant upward swing in employment occurred in the costume jewelry industry, while the seasonal rise in the Trade industries reflected a lower than normal hiring pattern according to Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, 398,200 men and women were employed in Rhode Island in mid-November. This represents a monthly increase of 1,800 jobs, and while November's total employment still lags behind last year by 7,400 jobs, this is the smallest reported gap in the year-to-year comparisons since March of 1980.

MANUFACTURING

The number of manufacturing employees in November was estimated at 129,600, an increase of 1,200 jobs over the month, but still 4,500 below the figure of one year ago. In the 19 reporting segments, the monthly changes indicate 7 gains and 5 losses (only 3 of which exceeded 100 jobs in either direction) and 7 segments remained stable over the month.

Durable Goods employment rose by 200 jobs to 55,500 in mid-November. Primary Metals reported a 200 job increase to a total of 8,000; Nonelectrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment each gained 100 jobs to reach totals of 9,300 and 7,800, respectively. Losses of 100 jobs each were reported by Instruments (5,200) and Lumber/Furniture (2,100) manufacturing firms. The other 3 Durable Goods industries, Fabricated Metals, Electrical

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SEASONS GREETINGS AND A WORD OF THANKS TO RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS

As 1980 draws to a close, Mary C. Hackett, Director, and the staff of the Department of Employment Security extend seasons greetings and a hope of prosperity in the year ahead to all readers of the Employment Bulletin.

A sincere thank you is also extended to those Rhode Island employers who provide information to the Department each month so essential in determining trends in the State's economy.

Key indicators such as employment levels, weekly production hours, labor turnover rates and worker earnings are the basis for both state and national reports prepared by this Department. We are in the debt of the management of those firms who compile and faithfully transmit this data for inclusion in the Employment Bulletin.

We pledge continued publication each month of information that will assist you in reaching decisions and planning for the future.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

JOB SERVICE — EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979
Total Placements	1,961 P	2,504 P	2,131
New Applications	4,210 P	4,925 P	4,524
New Openings Received	4,074 P	3,557 P	2,623

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EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	% Change from Oct.
Initial Claims	10,447	8,488	+ 23.1
No. of Payments	53,297	61,721	− 13.6
Amt. of Payments	$4,639,030	$5,326,213	− 12.9
Exhaustions	1,374	1,481	− 7.2

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	% Change from Oct.
Initial Claims	1,681	1,785	− 5.8
No. of Payments	14,086	15,871	− 11.2
Amt. of Payments	$1,226,534	$1,479,499	− 17.1

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed
NOVEMBER 1980

	Number	Percent
Sex and Age		
TOTAL	15,462	100.0
Men	8,239	53.3
Under 45	5,915	71.8
45 and over	2,324	28.2
Women	7,223	46.7
Under 45	4,107	56.9
45 and over	3,116	43.1
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	1,769	11.4
Manufacturing	5,691	36.8
Public Utilities	713	4.6
Trade	2,100	13.6
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	555	3.6
Service	2,337	15.1
All Other	2,297	14.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	2,178	14.1
Clerical and Sales	2,337	15.1
Service	1,267	8.2
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	211	1.4
Processing	740	4.8
Machine Trades	1,571	10.2
Bench Work	2,363	15.3
Structural Work	2,099	13.6
Miscellaneous	1,941	12.6
Not Available	755	4.9

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Oct. 1980	Sep. 1980	Oct. 1979
Civilian Labor Force	454.9	451.1	450.2
Unemployment	27.3	28.4	26.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.0	6.3	5.8
Seas. Adjusted Rate	7.0	6.8	6.7

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Oct. 1980	Sep. 1980	Oct. 1979
Civilian Labor Force	31,180	31,700	28,420
Unemployment	1,515	1,460	1,460
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.9	4.6	5.1

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Oct. 1980	Sep. 1980	Oct. 1979
Civilian Labor Force	13,815	14,515	12,775
Unemployment	720	710	665
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.2	4.9	5.2

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1981. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS, AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1980	Nov. 1979
ALL MANUFACTURING	129.6	128.4	134.1	+ 1200	— 4500	$226.58	$208.29	39.2	39.3	$5.78	$5.30
DURABLE GOODS	55.5	55.3	56.8	+ 200	— 1300	261.06	239.98	40.6	40.4	6.43	5.94
PRIMARY METALS	8.0	7.8	8.2 †	+ 200	— 200	272.21	256.80	42.6	43.6	6.39	5.89
FABRICATED METALS	9.2	9.2	10.5	0	— 1300	218.12	197.78	38.0	36.9	5.74	5.36
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	9.3	9.2	9.4	+ 100	— 100	329.28	305.64	43.1	43.6	7.64	7.01
ELEC. MACHINERY	10.9	10.9	11.9	0	— 1000	207.57	198.74	37.0	38.0	5.61	5.23
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	3.0	3.0	3.3	0	— 300	290.47	272.40	45.6	45.1	6.37	6.04
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	7.8	7.7	6.5	+ 100	+ 1300	304.41	268.00	41.7	40.0	7.30	6.70
INSTRUMENTS	5.2	5.3	5.2	— 100	0	238.17	224.26	40.3	40.7	5.91	5.51
LUMBER-FURNITURE	2.1	2.2	1.8	— 100	+ 300	211.77	232.05	39.0	39.0	5.43	5.95
NONDURABLE GOODS	74.1	73.1	77.3	+ 1000	— 3200	201.93	186.34	38.1	38.5	5.30	4.84
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	27.6	26.5	29.1	+ 1100	— 1500	169.45	159.04	35.9	36.9	4.72	4.31
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.4	3.3	3.5	+ 100	— 100	231.31	183.86	36.6	32.6	6.32	5.64
TEXTILE PRODUCTS	12.3	12.2	12.8	+ 100	— 500	212.98	201.47	40.8	40.7	5.22	4.95
APPAREL	3.5	3.5	3.7	0	— 200	199.67	184.54	40.5	41.1	4.93	4.49
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0	202.77	206.52	37.9	40.1	5.35	5.15
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.3	5.3	5.3	0	0	306.47	291.04	40.7	41.4	7.53	7.03
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	3.0	3.2	— 100	— 300	314.59	280.40	38.6	40.0	8.15	7.01
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0	232.83	197.60	39.0	38.0	5.97	5.20
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5.3	5.4	5.7	— 100	— 400	230.84	209.48	39.8	39.9	5.80	5.25
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.3	3.2	3.5	+ 100	— 200	149.20	129.96	37.3	35.9	4.00	3.62
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.9	6.1	5.9	— 200	0	194.54	176.27	38.6	39.7	5.04	4.44

1979 FIGURES REVISED. 1980 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY.
ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.
COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

† LABOR DISPUTE

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND
(Per 100 Employees)
OCTOBER 1980

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	TOTAL			NEW HIRES			TOTAL			QUITS			LAY-OFF RATES		
	Oct. 1980	Sep. 1980	Oct. 1979	Oct. 1980	Sep. 1980	Oct. 1979	Oct. 1980	Sep. 1980	Oct. 1979	Oct. 1980	Sep. 1980	Oct. 1979	Oct. 1980	Sep. 1980	Oct. 1979
MANUFACTURING	4.3	5.4	5.8	3.1	3.9	4.9	4.1	4.9	5.7	2.1	2.9	3.3	1.3	1.3	1.2
DURABLE GOODS	3.3	3.8	4.7	2.2	2.6	4.0	3.6	3.8	4.5	1.6	2.1	2.4	1.3	1.0	1.1
Primary Metals	4.2	2.4	2.7	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.3	3.2	1.3	1.7	1.1	0.2	0.9	1.2
Fabricated Metals	3.2	3.5	6.3	2.6	2.4	5.1	3.1	3.6	4.7	1.9	2.5	3.0	0.5	0.5	0.8
Non-Elec. Mach.	2.1	2.4	2.3	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.9	2.4	2.3	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.5
Electrical Mach.	4.8	6.2	4.1	3.0	3.4	3.5	4.0	5.2	4.3	2.0	2.5	2.8	1.4	2.0	1.0
Instruments-Optical	2.6	3.3	3.2	2.2	1.5	3.0	2.4	3.2	5.4	1.2	1.5	1.9	0.7	1.0	2.9
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	2.7	6.0	8.8	1.9	5.1	8.2	7.7	5.6	7.5	2.3	4.0	4.7	4.5	0.8	1.3
NONDUR. GOODS	5.1	6.7	6.7	3.8	4.9	5.5	4.5	5.8	6.6	2.5	3.5	4.0	1.3	1.5	1.2
Food-Beverage	6.8	10.7	15.8	4.2	3.9	11.8	3.5	5.8	12.1	2.6	4.3	8.6	0.3	0.5	2.8
Textiles	4.3	4.5	5.5	3.2	3.4	4.5	4.4	4.0	5.2	2.4	2.5	3.1	1.2	0.7	0.6
Apparel	4.4	5.5	6.0	1.9	2.2	3.2	3.8	4.3	5.6	0.8	1.2	2.5	2.0	2.5	2.0
Paper & Allied Prod.	7.4	5.8	6.2	5.0	4.7	5.8	3.7	7.2	3.3	2.0	3.3	1.9	0.6	3.5	0.3
Rubber & Plas.Prod.	3.7	5.4	4.4	2.4	4.5	3.2	3.7	4.8	5.1	2.7	3.4	2.7	0.1	0.0	0.7
Jewelry & Silverware	6.8	7.7	5.9	5.5	5.6	4.7	4.5	6.3	7.2	2.2	3.5	3.6	1.7	2.1	1.9
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS * *	3.0	6.5	8.2	2.4	5.7	7.7	5.2	6.8	7.0	3.2	4.7	5.7	1.3	1.1	0.6

RATES FOR OCTOBER 1980 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR SEPTEMBER 1980 AND OCTOBER 1979 ARE FINAL.

* INCLUDES: LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS; STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT.

** INCLUDES: PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

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TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	398.2	396.4	405.6	+ 1,800	– 7,400
MANUFACTURING	129.6	128.4	134.1	+ 1,200	– 4,500
NONMANUFACTURING	268.6	268.0	271.5	+ 600	– 2,900
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.6	12.6	14.9	0	– 2,300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.1	13.0	13.5	+ 100	– 400
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	80.5	80.1	82.4	+ 400	– 1,900
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.4	20.3	21.1	+ 100	– 700
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	81.9	81.9	79.8	0	+ 2,100
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	60.1	60.1	59.8	0	+ 300

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* FARMERS; SELF-EMPLOYED; DOMESTIC AND ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED.

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Machinery and Stone-Clay-Glass, showed no over-the-month employment changes.

Ndurable Goods manufacturing employment grew by 1,000 in November, to a total of 74,100. Jewelry/Silverware firms led the way, adding 1,100 jobs in the month (almost all in the manufacture of costume jewelry) to a total of 27,600 – the highest monthly total since December 1979.

Gains of 100 jobs each were reported for Food/Beverage firms (3,400), Textiles (12,300) and Leather Products (3,300), while Miscellaneous Manufacturing firms showed a loss of 200 jobs to 5,900 in November. Losses of 100 jobs each were reported in Chemicals (2,900) and Plastics (5,300). The other 4 Nondurable Goods segments remained stable over the month.

NONMANUFACTURING

The number of men and women gainfully employed in the State's nonmanufacturing industries grew by 600 in November, to a total of 268,600.

A smaller than normal seasonal gain of 400 jobs was recorded in the Wholesale/Retail Trades industries, bringing the mid-November total to its highest level of the year – 80,500, a figure 1,900 below last year's level.

Transportation and Public Utilities firms showed a 100 jobs increase over the month to 13,100, and a similar growth was reported for Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate firms, totaling 20,400 in mid-November. However, both these industries showed losses of 400 and 1,900 jobs, respectively, over the year.

Contract Construction (12,600), Services (81,900), and Government (60,100) all remained even over the month while year to year changes in these industries reflected a loss of 2,300 in Construction (primarily residential and special trade contractors), an increase of 2,100 in Services, especially health service industries, and a much more moderate increase of 300 in Government.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average manufacturing workweek increased .2 hours in November to 39.2 hours. This, coupled with a 10 cent per hour increase in average hourly earnings for these factory production workers – to $5.78 and hour – produced a gross average weekly earnings figure of $226.58 in November, up $5.06 in the month.

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force – Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979
Civilian Labor Force	463.6	459.2	450.3
Unemployment	28.5	27.0	26.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.1	5.9	5.8
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.0	6.8	6.6

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SEASONAL HIRING INCREASES R. I. JOBS TOTAL TO 400,900

Seasonal changes characterized the labor picture in December as Rhode Island employment increased for the fifth consecutive month. As expected, the most significant upward movement occurred in the Trade industries, in a late season surge to handle holiday purchases, according to Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Department of Employment Security.

Preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate 400,900 men and women were employed in Rhode Island in mid-December. This represents a monthly increase of 2,700 jobs.

NONMANUFACTURING

Primarily following seasonal trends, nonmanufacturing employment increased by 4,900 jobs in December to 273,500, the highest total ever, and 1,600 over last December's level.

The largest monthly gain was in the Trades sector, where 3,100 jobs were added to reach a yearly high of 83,600. Nearly all retail segments showed monthly increases, led by Department stores and Miscellaneous retail outlets.

Employment in the Service industries increased by 900 jobs in December, to 82,800, also a yearly high. Among Finance, Insurance and Real Estate firms, employment rose by 300 jobs, bringing the December total in this sector to 20,700.

Government employment grew by 600 in the month, and totalled 60,700. Post Office employment grew by 100 while State Government jobs dropped by a similar number. Local education and Municipal Government sectors each added 300 jobs in the month.

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EMPLOYERS ! RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE CAN HELP YOU

During 1980 the Rhode Island Job Service assisted many employers in filling their job openings. In the fiscal year ending September 30, 1980 over 66% of all job openings listed by employers with the Job Service were filled. A total of 24,641 job placements were made during that 12-month period. Youth under age 22 accounted for 46% of these placements and another 15% were veterans, including over sixteen hundred Vietnam-era veterans.

The Job Service is also responsive to the needs of job applicants who experience barriers to employment. Thirty-three percent of the job placements were economically-disadvantaged persons, another 15.7% were members of minority groups and over eight percent were older workers - 45 years of age and over.

The Job Service is an experienced public employment agency and its trained professional staff can help you fill the openings in your work force. The Job Bank is a computerized listing of job openings statewide. If you need workers call the Job Bank at 277-3588 (or toll free Enterprise 2265). There is nver a fee for using the R. I. Job Service.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance reports of employment wages and taxes for the quarter ending December 31, 1980, must be filed by January 31, 1981, with the Department of Employment Security, 24 Mason Street, Providence, R. I. Failure to make these reports and to pay required taxes by the due date will make employers liable to penalties and additional interest charges. "No payroll" reports must be submitted in those cases where no wages were paid during the quarter covered by the report.

JOB SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1980	Nov. 1980	Dec. 1979
Total Placements	1,785	2,028	1,592
New Applications	3,930	3,826	3,783
New Openings Received	2,288	3,341	2,354

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1980	Nov. 1980	% Change from Nov.
Initial Claims	28,868	10,447	+ 176.3
No. of Payments	76,448	53,297	+ 43.4
Amt. of Payments	$6,626,481	$4,639,030	+ 42.8
Exhaustions	1,814	1,374	+ 32.0

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	Dec. 1980	Nov. 1980	% Change from Nov.
Initial Claims	2,118	1,681	+ 26.0
No. of Payments	17,810	14,086	+ 26.4
Amt. of Payments	$1,663,145	$1,226,534	+ 35.6

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed
DECEMBER 1980

	Number	Percent
Sex and Age		
TOTAL	16,553	100.0
Men	9,096	55.0
Under 45	6,888	75.7
45 and over	2,208	24.3
Women	7,457	45.0
Under 45	4,624	62.0
45 and over	2,833	38.0
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	2,070	12.5
Manufacturing	6,652	40.2
Public Utilities	694	4.2
Trade	1,903	11.5
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	444	2.7
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Occupational Skills		
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Service	1,111	6.7
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	500	3.0
Processing	806	4.9
Machine Trades	1,833	11.1
Bench Work	2,916	17.6
Structural Work	2,306	13.9
Miscellaneous	1,903	11.5
Not Available	707	4.3

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

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(In Thousands)

	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979
Civilian Labor Force	458.6	454.9	449.1
Unemployment	27.7	27.3	25.7
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.0	6.0	5.7
Seas. Adjusted Rate	6.8	7.0	6.5

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Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979
Civilian Labor Force	31,285	31,180	28,255
Unemployment	1,780	1,515	1,535
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.7	4.9	5.4

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979
Civilian Labor Force	13,915	13,815	12,810
Unemployment	810	720	715
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.8	5.2	5.6

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1981. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

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	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Dec. 1980	Nov. 1980	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1980	Dec. 1979	Dec. 1980	Dec. 1979	Dec. 1980	Dec. 1979	Dec. 1980	Dec. 1979
ALL MANUFACTURING	127.4	129.6	132.8	— 2200	— 5400	$234.77	$212.13	40.2	39.8	$5.84	$5.33
DURABLE GOODS	55.5	55.5	56.6	0	— 1100	272.77	247.76	41.9	41.5	6.51	5.97
PRIMARY METALS	7.9	8.0	8.3 †	— 100	— 400	299.69	253.86	46.9	43.1	6.39	5.89
FABRICATED METALS	9.1	9.2	10.4	— 100	— 1300	224.07	209.08	38.7	39.3	5.79	5.32
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	9.3	9.3	9.5	0	— 200	339.68	325.71	44.0	45.3	7.72	7.19
ELEC. MACHINERY	11.0	10.9	11.8	+ 100	— 800	218.86	201.11	38.6	38.6	5.67	5.21
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.8	3.0	3.1	— 200	— 300	354.42	274.34	49.5	44.9	7.16	6.11
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	8.1	7.8	6.5	+ 300	+ 1600	301.91	282.31	41.7	41.7	7.24	6.77
INSTRUMENTS	5.2	5.2	5.2	0	0	241.20	224.13	40.0	41.2	6.03	5.44
LUMBER-FURNITURE	2.1	2.1	1.8	0	+ 300	208.89	217.06	38.9	38.9	5.37	5.58
NONDURABLE GOODS	71.9	74.1	76.2	— 2200	— 4300	207.09	186.73	39.0	38.5	5.31	4.85
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	26.4	27.6	28.7	— 1200	— 2300	174.84	159.87	36.5	36.5	4.79	4.38
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.3	3.4	3.4	— 100	— 100	232.50	191.05	37.5	33.4	6.20	5.72
TEXTILE PRODUCTS	12.3	12.3	12.8	0	— 500	223.34	200.79	43.2	41.4	5.17	4.85
APPAREL	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	— 100	204.18	179.65	41.0	40.1	4.98	4.48
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.8	2.9	3.0	— 100	— 200	215.07	211.33	40.2	41.6	5.35	5.08
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.3	5.3	5.2	0	+ 100	297.66	287.86	41.0	41.3	7.26	6.97
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	2.9	3.2	0	— 300	309.46	279.76	38.3	40.9	8.08	6.84
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.8	1.7	1.7	+ 100	+ 100	243.36	204.36	41.6	39.0	5.85	5.24
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5.2	5.3	5.7	— 100	— 500	223.97	207.88	39.5	39.9	5.67	5.21
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.3	3.3	3.4	0	— 100	152.28	127.09	36.0	35.6	4.23	3.57
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.1	5.9	5.5	— 800	— 400	204.61	172.66	38.9	38.2	5.26	4.52

1979 FIGURES REVISED. 1980 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. † LABOR DISPUTE
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LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND
(Per 100 Employees)
November 1980

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	TOTAL			NEW HIRES			TOTAL			QUITS			LAY-OFF RATES		
	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979
MANUFACTURING	3.5	4.3	3.8	2.4	3.1	3.1	4.6	4.1	6.3	1.7	2.1	2.6	2.2	1.3	2.6
DURABLE GOODS	2.4	3.3	3.4	1.6	2.2	2.9	3.4	3.6	4.3	1.2	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.7
Primary Metals	3.0	4.2	2.7	1.2	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.0	1.3	1.1	0.3	0.2	0.1
Fabricated Metals	3.0	3.2	3.8	2.2	2.6	3.4	2.9	3.1	3.5	1.1	1.9	2.0	1.0	0.5	0.5
Non-Elec. Mach.	1.3	2.1	2.6	0.8	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.9	3.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	2.1
Electrical Mach.	3.5	4.8	4.9	2.3	3.0	4.4	4.7	4.0	5.5	1.7	2.0	3.2	2.3	1.4	1.5
Instruments-Optical	1.0	2.6	2.5	0.7	2.2	2.0	2.5	2.4	7.5	0.8	1.2	1.4	1.3	0.7	5.3
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	1.8	2.7	2.8	1.5	1.9	2.3	6.0	7.7	5.5	1.3	2.3	2.1	4.2	4.5	2.6
NONDUR. GOODS	4.3	5.1	4.0	3.0	3.8	3.2	5.4	4.5	7.7	2.0	2.5	3.2	2.6	1.3	3.3
Food-Beverage	10.0	6.8	8.8	6.9	4.2	7.1	5.0	3.5	15.5	4.2	2.6	7.4	0.1	0.3	7.4
Textiles	3.9	4.3	4.5	2.7	3.2	3.7	4.4	4.4	3.8	1.8	2.4	2.2	1.8	1.2	0.4
Apparel	7.6	4.4	5.9	2.3	1.9	3.2	7.9	3.8	7.1	1.1	0.8	2.0	6.2	2.0	3.2
Paper & Allied Prod.	4.6	7.4	2.5	3.5	5.0	2.0	11.9	3.7	5.6	1.8	2.0	3.0	9.0	0.6	1.6
Rubber & Plas.Prod.	3.4	3.7	3.3	2.2	2.4	2.2	3.7	3.7	4.0	1.6	2.7	1.9	0.8	0.1	0.9
Jewelry & Silverware	5.3	6.8	3.9	4.0	5.5	3.1	4.4	4.5	10.8	2.4	2.2	3.0	1.3	1.7	6.3
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	1.5	3.0	3.1	1.2	2.4	2.8	7.4	5.2	5.6	1.5	3.2	4.0	5.2	1.3	0.7

* RATES FOR NOVEMBER 1980 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR OCTOBER 1980 AND NOVEMBER 1979 ARE FINAL.
* INCLUDES: LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS; STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT.
** INCLUDES: PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	Dec. 1980	Nov. 1980	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1980	Dec. 1979
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	400.9	398.2	404.7	+ 2700	— 3800
MANUFACTURING	127.4	129.6	132.8	— 2200	— 5400
NONMANUFACTURING	273.5	268.6	271.9	+ 4900	+ 1600
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.6	12.6	14.0	0	— 1400
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.1	13.1	13.5	0	— 400
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	83.6	80.5	84.2	+ 3100	— 600
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.7	20.4	21.2	+ 300	— 500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	82.8	81.9	79.4	+ 900	+ 3400
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	60.7	60.1	59.6	+ 600	+ 1100

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* FARMEPS; SELF-EMPLOYED; DOMESTIC AND ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED.

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Employment in Transportation and Public Utilities firms numbered 13,100 in December, unchanged from the preceding month's total. Also holding steady was Construction industry employment, which averaged 12,600 in both November and December.

MANUFACTURING

The number of manufacturing employees in mid-December was estimated at 127,400. This showed a decrease of 2,200 jobs in the month, and was 5,400 jobs below last year. In the 19 manufacturing industry reporting groups for which employment data is estimated the monthly comparison showed 3 gains, 8 losses, and 8 with no change from the prior month.

Durable Goods employment remained unchanged in December at 55,500. A gain of 300 jobs in Transportation Equipment, to 8,100 and 100 in Electrical Machinery, to 11,000, was enough to offset losses of 200 (seasonal) in Stone, Clay, and Glass, and 100 jobs in Primary and Fabricated Metals. Over the year, Durable Goods employment was down by a net of 1,100 jobs, as substantial losses in Fabricated Metals (–1300) and Electrical Machinery (–800) together with more moderate losses in other industries more than offset gains of 1,600 jobs in Transportation Equipment and 300 in Lumber and Furniture products.

Nondurable Goods employment declined by 2,200 jobs in December, to 71,900. Jewelry/Silverware firms reported monthly losses of 1,200 jobs as a result of seasonal layoffs, to a level of 26,400 – 2,300 below last year's employment. Miscellaneous manufacturing firms reported losses of 800 workers in another seasonal related downturn, to a level of 5,100 jobs in December. Plastics, Paper Products and Food/Beverages firms, each reported a job loss of 100 workers in December, while Rubber Products posted the only gain (+ 100 jobs) in the Nondurable Goods sector.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings of the State's production and related workers in manufacturing industries rose by 6 cents in December to $5.84 per hour. This was up 51 cents over the average hourly wage reported in December, 1979.

Average weekly hours worked by these workers rose a full hour in the monthly comparison to 40.2 hours, and showed a .4 hour gain compared to a year ago. The resultant average weekly earnings for manufacturing workers were up $8.19 from November to December, reaching $234.77, a figure $22.64 higher than last December's total.

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Dec. 1980	Nov. 1980	Dec. 1979
Civilian Labor Force	469.6	463.6	452.1
Unemployment	31.7	28.5	29.7
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.8	6.1	6.6
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.0	7.0	6.9

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